

REMARKS**Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372**

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. The Office Action dated August 5, 2008 requires restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372, and election of the claims of either Group I or Group II:

Group I: Claims 1-15, 17, 23-25, and 28, drawn to a binder system and a paint composition;

Group II: Claims 16, 18-22, 26, and 27, drawn to a method of making a silyl ester.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the following invention, and corresponding claims, to be examined:

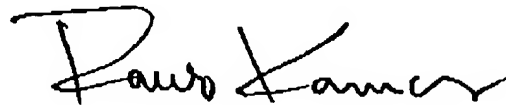
Group I: Claims 1-15, 17, 23-25, and 28, drawn to a binder system and a paint composition.

Applicant reserves its right, if necessary, to file a divisional application to prosecute non-elected Claims 16, 18-22, 26, and 27, drawn to a method of making a silyl ester (Group II).

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in proper form for examination and favorable consideration. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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